or other craft plying in the river is in a state unfit to carry passengers he may issue a temporary prohibitory order under section 144 of the Code.

(c) Only one accident in 1927 came to the notice of Government and that was the capsizing of a steam launch near Gutala on 12th May 1927. The accident in this case was mainly due to a storm of exceptional severity as will be seen from the report placed on the table of this House on 27th August 1927, in reply to question No. 326 by the hon. Member. The launch was reported to have a displacement of about 25 tons.

(d) The Government are not aware of any reason that would justify the adoption of the hon. Members' suggestion.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—"May I know if the question of applying the Inland Steam Vessels Act to the bed of the river has been dropped or is still under consideration?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I should like to have notice to give a definite answer, Sir."

Boat traffic in the Godavari river lower down the anicut.

892 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : With reference to the answer to question No. 549 answered on 12th October 1928 regarding boat traffic on the Godavari river lower down the anicut, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report referred to in the answer has been called for and whether it has been received; and

(b) if so, whether the same will be placed on the Council table?

A.—(a) A report has been received from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation which has been referred to the District Magistrate for his opinion.

(b) The report[a] is laid on the table.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—"Since the report says there are no restrictions over the river bed, may I know whether the Government thinks of a method of exercising due control over the boats plying lower down the anicut?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"This is not the stage for giving reasons."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—"I am only asking whether they thought of a method for exercising control over the boats."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It is not admissible."

Irrigation

Action taken on the plans and estimates for the Boradaballi project.

* 893 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the action taken on the plans and estimates for the Boradaballi project in the Goomsur division of the Ganjam district;

(b) the amount of the estimate;

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 533 infra.